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#### INTRODUCTION

This collection contains oral history interviews and correspondence with eighteen individuals who played with or were associated with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro National League.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Janet Bruce on March 10, 1981 (Accession No. KA0071).

#### COPYRIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

Established in 1920, the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team was a charter member of the Negro National League. The Monarchs were active from 1920 until the integration of baseball in the 1950's.

In 1978, Janet Bruce and Catherine T. Rocha applied for and received a grant from the Friends of the Library, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City to conduct a series of oral history interviews with surviving members of the Kansas City Monarchs. In October 1979, Ms. Bruce received another small grant from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Friends of the Library for additional oral history interviews.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection has been arranged into two series:

##### **Manuscript Materials** **Oral Histories**

The **Manuscript Materials** series contains four folders that consist of correspondence between Rocha and Bruce, and reports regarding the project and interviews.

The **Oral Histories** series contains interviews and is arranged chronologically by individual. It should be noted there are some dead spots in the audio.

## PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Kansas City Monarchs Oral History Collection, 1978-1981 (K0047)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

## FOLDER LIST

f. 1-4	Manuscript Materials
f. 1	Correspondence, 1978-1980
f.2	Interview Material, n.d.
f. 3	Report "The Social Significance of being a Kansas City Monarch," n.d.
f. 4	Georgia Dwight to Janet Bruce Correspondence, 1980
a.c. 1-25	Oral Histories
a.c. 1-3	Mrs. Eddie (Gertrude) Dwight, November 1, 1978- July 13, 1980
a.c. 4	Hank Baylis, November 1, 1978
a.c. 5	Newt Allen, November 7
a.c. 6-7	John "Buck" O'Neil, November 8, 1978
a.c. 8	Maurice Young, November 8, 1978
a.c. 9	Hilton Smith, November 10, 1978
a.c. 10	Connie Johnson, November 15, 1978
a.c. 11	Alfred "Slick" Surratt, November 15, 1978
a.c. 12	Jessie Williams, January 16, 1979
a.c. 13	Alberta Penn (Mrs. Q.J. Gilmore), September 18, 1979
a.c. 14	Jesse Fisher and Guy Davis, September 19, 1979
a.c. 15	Allen Bryant, July 2, 1979
a.c. 16-17	Richard Wilkinson, October 1, 1979
a.c. 18	Harriet Baird and M.L. Wickstrom, October 2, 1979
a.c. 19	Othello Renfroe, January 29, 1980
a.c. 20-21	Ted Rasberry, September 7-8, 1980
a.c. 22-23	Gladys Catron, November 17, 1980
a.c. 24	Roy "Bubbles" Johnson, January 12, 1981
a.c. 25	Robert Sweeney, January 12, 1981

## LOCATION NOTE

The audio files for this collection are located onsite at The State Historical Society of Missouri-Research Center Kansas City in MP3 format, i.e. a.c. 1: Mrs. Eddie (Gertrude) Dwight) is K0047-A0001.MP3. Speak to a staff member for more information.

## INDEX TERMS

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